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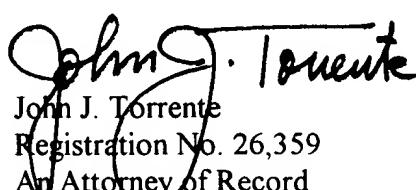
Copies of these Abstracts are enclosed herewith. Also, enclosed in duplicate, is an accompanying form equivalent to PTO-1449, listing the art cited by applicants. The Examiner is respectfully requested to mark on one copy of the enclosed form that the Examiner has reviewed the listed documents and return the marked copy to applicants' undersigned attorneys at the below listed address.

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